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### Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 4, 2006. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

#### Broiler Chicks Placed Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 4, 2006. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through November 4, 2006 were 7.62 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

#### Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	: Week Ending									
State	: Sep 30	: Oct 7	: Oct 14		: Oct 28	: Nov 4				
	: 2006	: 2006	: 2006	: 2006	: 2006	: 2006				
	: Thousand									
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AL	: 29,609	29,882	29,668	29,440	*28,161	28,814				
AR	: 28,174	27,263	28,049	*27,158	27,264	27,732				
DE	: 3,865	3,697	3,683	3,732	3,398	3,761				
FL	: 1,369	1,365	1,374	1,372	1,364	1,367				
GA	: 33,748	34,923	*35,094	32,782	32,551	32,062				
KY	: 7,184	*7,549	6,188	6,878	7,408	7,355				
LA	: 3,954	3,678	3,802	3,678	3,618	3,802				
MD	: 8,713	8,879	8,362	8,445	8,411	8,685				
MS	: 16,201	17,321	*17,034	16,094	14,391	17,123				
NC	: 18,437	17,235	*17,363	18,039	18,400	18,412				
OK	: 6,162	6,579	6,455	6,232	*6,385	6,070				
PA	: 4,119	4,069	3,834	*3,737	*3,726	3,920				
sc	: 5,257	5,484	4,951	5,481	5,198	4,763				
TX	: *14,236	*14,914	*14,513	*12,525	*12,600	13,900				
VA	: 5,674	6,398	6,186	5,782	5,744	5,328				
CA, MO, TN, & WV	: 16,496	16,623	16,848	14,940	*15,802	17,130				
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19 State Total	:*203,198 :	*205,859	*203,404	*196,315	*194,421	200,224				
Previous Year Total	: 204,691 :	209,968	202,542	202,413	199,322	206,422				
Pct. of Prev. Year	: 99	98	100	97	98	97				

<sup>\*</sup> Revised

## Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	:	: Week Ending										
	:	Sep 30 2006	:		:	Oct 14 2006	:	Oct 21 2006		Oct 28 2006	:	Nov 4 2006
	:	Thousand										
AL AR	:	19,528 23,720		20,748 21,851		20,797 *23,862		19,963 *23,702		*20,097 22,506		19,558 22,516
DE FL	:	5,084 1,582		4,321 1,281		1,426		4,809 1,449		1,389		1,428
GA KY LA	:	27,746 5,723 3,523		26,968 5,630 3,664		5,976		27,415 5,469 3,470		28,790 *6,222 3,107		
MD MS	:	5,559 15,193		5,306 15,702		6,809 15,237		6,446 14,477		5,932 15,205		5,728 15,375
NC OK PA	:	14,804 4,866 2,788		14,743 5,115 2,490		15,191 *4,251 3,054		15,277 *4,211 *2,864		14,299 4,706 *2,952		
sc TX	<b>:</b>	3,839 12,471		<b>4,421</b> *11,864		<b>4,256</b> *11,858		<b>4,271</b> *11,991		<b>4,463</b> *12,609		<b>4,630</b> 12,323
VA CA, MO, TN, & WV	:	4,762 16,125		5,541 15,220		4,734 15,416		4,222 15,187		4,926 *15,542		4,697 15,102
19 State Total	:	167,313	*	164,865		*168,126		*165,223		*167,802		165,455
Previous Year Total	:					168,732		166,512		,		165,230
Pct. of Prev. Year	:	98		100		100		99		99		100